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In re Application of
Charles E. Hill
Application No. 09/618,744
Filed: July 18, 2000
For: Electronic Catalog System And Method

Three Week Letter

A petition for access was filed by Edward H. Sikorski for access to the above-identified application on November 4, 2002.

The petition was not filed with proof of service upon applicant. Accordingly, a copy of the petition papers is enclosed.

A member of the public may be entitled to access if "special circumstances" are shown which warrant a grant of access under 35 U.S.C. § 122. See Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), Section 103.

Petitioner urges five applications are related to the above referenced application: the applications that became U.S. Patent Nos. 5,528,490, 5,754,864, 5,761,649, and 6,131,088 and 6,029,142 in that they all claim directly or indirectly benefit of the filing date of the application that became the '490 patent. Petitioner urges that the file wrapper contents of the above referenced application may be useful for interpreting the claims in all of the continuing cases that became patents. Petitioner also alleges that prior art may have been moved to the above referenced application file from the applications that resulted in the five patents.

Applicant is hereby given THREE WEEKS from the date of this letter to file a response to this letter. If applicant fails to respond within the three week period, a decision will be made on the record and petitioner may be allowed access to the entire application. See MPEP Section 103. Any correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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